

STATE OF MONTANA  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 09-2014

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EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING A DISASTER  
TO EXIST IN THE COUNTIES OF VALLEY, PETROLEUM, MUSSELSHELL, THE TOWN  
OF EKALAKA AND THE FORT BELKNAP INDIAN RESERVATION

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WHEREAS, a severe thunderstorm impacted Carter County, including the Town of Ekalaka, with microburst winds in excess of 75 mph during the evening of Thursday August 21st. This severe thunderstorm developed in a warm, moist and unstable air mass ahead of a cold front associated with a strong low-pressure system moving out of Nevada and Idaho at the time; and

WHEREAS, the microburst caused damage to property in the Town of Ekalaka and created large amounts of debris from fallen or damaged trees; and

WHEREAS, this same storm system went on to produce heavy rainfall and flooding across northeast Montana August 22nd through the 24th, 2014; and

WHEREAS, heavy rain fell in excess of seven inches across a widespread area of central and north-central portions of the state and caused severe damage to culverts, roadways and stock reservoirs; and

WHEREAS, the heavy rainfall also caused the Milk and Musselshell Rivers and their tributaries to rapidly rise above major flood stage; and

WHEREAS, the availability and utilization of all necessary state government services, equipment and supplies under this executive order will further the efforts to protect health and safety and to preserve lives, property and resources of the people of the State of Montana; and

WHEREAS, these conditions authorize the Governor under Section 10-3-312 (1), MCA, to expend funds from the general fund to meet contingencies arising from the emergency; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation of a disaster authorizes the Governor, under Section 10-3-104 (2) (a), MCA, to suspend Section 2-18-501, MCA, to allow reasonable expenditures for food and lodging for activated National Guard and State agency personnel responding to a disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVE BULLOCK, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor under the Constitution of the State of Montana, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and under other applicable statutes, do hereby declare that a state of disaster exists within the State of Montana, as defined in Sections 10-3-103 (3) and 10-3-303, MCA.

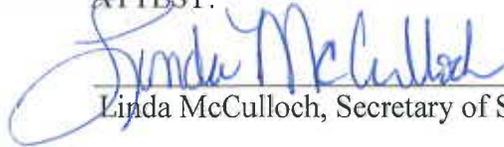
This Order is effective August 21, 2014.



GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT  
SEAL of the State of Montana, this  
4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014.

  
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STEVE BULLOCK, Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State